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IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Name
26 Jun, 2015	Y12 Formal
26 Jun, 2015	Last Day Term 2
13 Jul, 2015	Commence Term 3
21 Jul, 2015	Football – Intermediate Boys
22 Jul, 2015	Basketball – Snr Boys and Girls - MSAC
24 Jul, 2015	Biology Excursion – Unit 3 students
28 Jul, 2015	Basketball – Int Boys and Girls - MSAC
28 Jul, 2015	Football – Snr Girls and Int Boys GF
29 Jul, 2015	World Challenge Parent Information evening
30 Jul, 2015	Y10 Food – VET Hospitality Taster – Box Hill TAFE
30 Jul, 2015	Y10 VCE Parent Information evening
4 Aug, 2015	Y12 VTAC Information evening – Parents and students
4 Aug, 2015	Y12 Outdoor Ed Snow Camp – Mt Buller – Departing from school at 5am
5 Aug, 2015	Y12 Outdoor Ed Snow Camp – Mt Buller
6 Aug, 2015	Y12 Outdoor Ed Snow Camp – Mt Buller
11 Aug, 2015	Student Parent Conferences
15 Aug, 2015	Debutante Ball
19 Aug, 2015	Box Fest – Thornbury Theatre
11 Sep, 2015	VET Dance Showcase
18 Sep, 2015	Last Day Term 3
20 Oct, 2015	Y12 Celebration Dinner – Karralyka Centre

Principal's report



Why choose a public secondary school?

At this time of the year, families are making important decisions about choosing a secondary school for their child. There's a common view that if you send your child to a private school, your child will get better results. But the facts show that this is wrong.

A recent review of almost 30 academic studies revealed public schools achieve similar student outcomes to Catholic and independent schools across a range of education indicators. (Cobbold, 2015). The review showed there were no significant differences between the results of students from public, Catholic and independent schools in national and international tests and in university completion rates. And in the first year of university, students from public schools outperform other students – they achieve higher grades in their first year of university than students from Catholic and independent schools. You can read more about the review's findings here: <http://www.saveourschools.com.au/public-education/studies-show-public-schools-achieve-similar-results-to-private-schools>

As a leader in the public school system I believe it's important that families know about this information because it can help inform their decision-making.

Public schools are just as good as private schools in the area that matters most – developing your child's potential. The review is one of many pieces of educational research showing that students from the same social background do as well in public schools as they do in Catholic or independent schools.

There are other good reasons to consider enrolling your child in a public school. They include the following:

- Public schools are great value for money compared with private schools, many of which charge families up to \$30,000 each year in tuition fees per child. Tuition at public schools is essentially free, with families only paying for essential items and specialist programs.
- Children in public schools learn to get on with a wide mixture of students from different backgrounds. These advanced social skills – cooperation, empathy, problem solving – are increasingly prized in the modern workplace. They equip students for success in life and in work.

High quality teaching is one of the biggest factors that influences student learning. That's why public schools are intensifying their efforts to further enhance the skills of their teachers through mentoring, peer and student feedback and other forms of professional development.

Public schools are the backbone of our nation's education system. They express our Australian egalitarian values. They provide opportunities for all children to succeed, no matter where they live. They give all children a fair chance to reach their potential and lead a fulfilling life.

Box Hill Senior Secondary College is just one example of a great public school which is willing to enrol students in a variety of chosen programs. If you know a family that is looking for a great senior school program to enrol their child in for 2016, I would encourage you to let them know that Box Hill Senior is running college tours/information sessions every Thursday at 9.15am. There is no need to book – just simply come into the general office area and we will greet them there.

Any prospective families or students wanting additional information about the 2016 interview and enrolment procedures can contact our enrolment officer, Marilyn Eaton, at the College on 9890 0571.

Steve Cook
Principal

BHSSC Fees and Charges

Statements of fees and charges were sent to families during Term 2 and many have been re-issued due to student subject select changes. If further information or clarification is required, please contact staff in the General Office.

Families should note however, that if an agreed payment plan is **not** in place, then:-

- The **Essential fees and Elective fees** are now due and should be finalised as soon as possible. In some instances, eg Outdoor Education, students may not be able to participate in external activities associated with this subject if the elective fee is not paid.
- **Instrumental music lesson fees** – the second instalment was due on 25/6/15 and is now required.
- **Sport Development Programs** – the final instalment for the Basketball and Tennis programs is due on 4th August 2015. The fees for the Future Stars and Football programs should now be finalised.

Many families have an agreed payment plan in place and if these plans are being managed by College staff, payments will be processed on the dates agreed. Please ensure that the information used to process your payments is kept up to date and if there is a change in your credit card details, please advise staff in the College office of this change as soon as possible.

Payments can be made to the College by cash, cheque, credit card, BPAY (details available upon request) or COMPASS.

If you have any queries regarding the College fees and/or are experiencing difficulties in making payments, please contact Karen Leeder (Business Manager) on 98951101 or email. kleeder@bhssc.vic.edu.au.

Payment dates to remember:

4th August 2015

Sports Program 4th Instalment

VTAC Parent & Student Information Session Tertiary Entrance for 2016

Year 12 - VTAC Parent Information Night

During Semester 1 all Year 12 advocacy groups were presented with Careers information. Students then had the opportunity to organise personal counselling and research pathways options post VCE. VTAC is responsible for managing University and TAFE applications for current Year 12 students.

A VTAC Parent Information evening will be held on Tuesday August 4 at 6pm in the College Library. The application process can sometimes be confusing for both the student and their parents. It is highly recommended that you as a parent and your student attend this information evening to gain a better understanding of this process. Please email fdemelis@bhssc.vic.edu.au by Friday July 31st if you would like to attend.

VTAC applications open on Monday August 3 and close on September 30. Students requiring assistance with their VTAC application will be able to attend lunchtime sessions commencing on Wednesday August 12 in room 10.

Year 12 – University/TAFE ‘Open Days’

All students expecting to complete further studies in 2015 are encouraged to attend as many Open Days as possible. Dates have been displayed in the Library and on the Canteen window. A complete listing of dates can be found on the VTAC website.

Structured Workplace Learning

Students undertaking a VET program in the areas listed below are expected to complete 1 week of work placement in the week of September 14 – 18, 2015.

- Electro-technology (Pre-apprenticeship)
- Building & Construction
- Plumbing
- Landscape Horticulture
- Sport and Recreation
- Hospitality
- Fashion

Structured Workplace Learning is strongly recommended by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority for vocational programs. Assessments are usually embedded into structured workplacements. If a student does not satisfy the assessment requirements they will not be able to complete their certificate. In addition to this, work placements are a valuable aid to gaining an apprenticeship.

The final date to apply for a structured work placement is Monday September 7, 2015.

Any student who does not undertake work placement in the week beginning Sept. 14 will be required to attend school for all their normal classes.

Parents/Guardians are requested to assist in organising a suitable work placement. Structured Workplace Learning forms and assistance are available from the Careers and Pathways Coordinator (Frank DeMelis) who is located in the Library.

Frank De Melis
Careers Adviser and Pathways Coordinator

Year 12 Formal

On Friday, 26th June 116 glammed up Year 12s and 19 staff spent the evening at The Centre, Ivanhoe. The event was the Year 12 Formal and everyone scrubbed a treat. Students arrived in style; limos, stretch hummers and party buses were the mode of transport of choice.

A night filled with fun on the dance floor and in the photo booth was had by all. Kathy Watson, our photographer was also kept extremely busy and photos can now be purchased.

To view the images please go to

www.photosbykathywatson.com.au

Gallery: **2015** Link: **26/06/15B**

Username: **26.06.15** Password: **BHSS2606**

Use the "Box Hill" order form on the Gallery page to record the photos you wish to purchase. All orders and payments will be collected by Kathy at school during lunch on Wednesday 15 July and they will be delivered back to the students during lunch on Wednesday 22 July 2015. Payments can be made by Cash, Bank Transfer, Cheque or Credit Card.

Any enquiries to *Photos by Kathy Watson* on 0409 138 437

Staff would like to commend the students on the positive mood and excellent behaviour on the night.



Deb Ball - 2015



The BHSSC Debutante Ball is an extra curricula and fundraising event run by College staff who have generously volunteered their time. This fundraising event is always a highlight of the school year and significantly contributes to the funding of Student Services.

Date:

Saturday 15th August

Time:

Guests are invited to attend at 7:00pm sharp

The night will conclude at 11:30pm

Venue:

The Grand on Cathie's Lane, Wantirna South

Tickets:

Family and friends of the Debutantes are invited to book tickets and attend the event.

Tickets must be purchased on www.trybooking.com/IHEM

(Book under the Debutantes Name)

The price of tickets includes a 3 course meal, soft drink, tea and coffee.

<i>Adults (12+ years)</i>	<i>\$85</i>
<i>Children (5-12 years)</i>	<i>\$45</i>
<i>Children (0-5 years)</i>	<i>\$0</i>

Bookings open until 9am on Monday 3rd August 2015.

Contacts: Damian Dwyer or Andrew Delfinis on 9890 0571

Year 12 Celebration Dinner

Year 12 Celebration dinner being held on **Tuesday 20 October**. It is to be held at the Karralyka Centre, Mines Rd, Ringwood as a celebration for students and their families on the accomplishment of completing Year 12.

Music News

Box Hill Senior SC wins place on national music mentoring program

Students at Box Hill Senior SC collaborated with some of Australia's most successful musicians and producers, as part of SongMakers - a national mentoring program run by Australasian Performing Right Association (APRA) and Australasian Mechanical Copyright Owners Society (AMCOS).

The school is one of 50 selected from the nearly 200 eligible schools that applied and hosted its SongMakers workshop on 15/16 June.

Sixteen of the Music Program's budding songwriters and producers worked over two intensive days with Award-winning songwriter and performer, Kav Temperley (Eskimo Joe) pictured below left and go-to producer, Jon Hume (Evermore) pictured below right, to create and record four new songs.



Run with support from the Australian Government, SongMakers is all about contemporary music and is aimed at nurturing the next generation of hitmakers – right there in the classroom.



Under the program, senior music students work closely with two high profile mentors - one artist and one producer - to create 'market ready' music, against the clock, from scratch. The program is provided free to participating schools.

"We congratulate Box Hill on securing a place on the program and can't wait to hear the tracks that emerge from the workshop," says Dean Ormston, APRA AMCOS Head of Member Services Group.

"The great thing about this program is that it takes the real world into the classroom. For most of these young people, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to collaborate with and learn from some of the biggest names in music. And because it's so hands-on, it really fast-tracks students' understanding of today's contemporary music world and the steps needed for success."

SongMakers 2015 marks the second year of the national program. Go to www.songmakers.com.au to hear some of the workshop songs and for information about the high profile mentors.

In addition to the 50 in-school workshops, SongMakers also provides free classroom support materials, aligned to the Australian Curriculum, to ALL Australian secondary schools. These can be accessed at www.songmakers.com.au/resources.



BOXFEST 2015

Wednesday 19 August 2015

**The Thornbury Theatre (Velvet Room), 859 High Street,
Thornbury**

Show starts at 7.00pm

TICKETS: \$18.00 plus booking fee (online)

or \$20.00 at the door (Doors open at 6.30p.m.)

Cash ticket purchases also available at BHSSC General Office

An ALL AGES DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE event

NO PASSOUTS

CONTACT DETAILS: Peter Ryan - 9890 0571

Please use the following link to purchase tickets on line.

<http://www.trybooking.com/IKZE>

Food News

Food, nutrition and health were the focus of Year 10 Food Technology. To reinforce the importance of maintaining a healthy diet full of a wide range of foods such the students invited the Year 8 and 9 Health students up to the kitchen for two workshops. The first enabled students to prepare some delicious sultana and cornflake cookies and the second, saw the Year 10 students act as leaders informing the junior students about the importance of a healthy lifestyle, the healthy eating pyramid and the relationship between our health and the food we consume.

The year 10 students were fantastic leaders and guides to ensure a great experience was had by all!





Science News

Monash University Extension Guide for 2016

This year we have a number of BHSSC year 12 students, who are completing Monash University Extension subjects in ICT, Biology and Chemistry in line with their VCE subjects. If the students successfully complete both semesters of extension and any preparatory VCE Units 3 and 4 being studied concurrently in year 12, they will earn an increment on their ATAR. Credit for first year subjects at university are also applicable.

If you are a high achieving year 11 secondary student and would like to know more, then the Monash Extension Evening is on Wednesday 14th October at the Monash Clayton Campus. Students, parents and teachers can meet the Monash University academics and administrative staff.

Details are on: <http://www.monash.edu.au/extension/> or email: extension@monash.edu

Applications for 2016 will open in September and close on Monday 11 January, 2016.

Louise Macfarlane,
BHSSC Science TLA Co-ordinator

National Youth Science Forum – Natasha Morey Y12

Over the holidays I attended the Next Step Program of the National Youth Science Forum, which is an extended part of the program held in Sydney over three days.

On the first day we visited ResMed, a manufacturing company focusing on sleep masks and machines to assist people with sleep-induced respiratory conditions. This involved a tour of the manufacturing plant and an explanation of the machines involved. Afterwards we visited the Sydney Observatory and learnt about astronomy.

The second day was a full-day visit to ANSTO, the Australian National Nuclear Research and Development Organisation. This involved a tour of the grounds, including a look at the open-pool Australian light water reactor. Afterwards there were several interactive activities and seminars from professionals in the engineering sector.

The final day was based at the University of New South Wales. In the morning we were given a tour of the on-campus accommodation. We were then split up into groups of three activity sessions. My first one was a psychology lecture. After lunch I was in the medical group, where we were given advice on our career goals. Last of all was a visit to the Museum of Human Diseases. This is Australia's only publicly accessible medical pathology collection, with over 3000 tissue specimens.

All of these great opportunities were only possible because of the supportive community and hard-working staff of the National Youth Science Forum.

If you're in Year 10 and interested in science, keep an eye out for the 2017 applications early next year ☺



Brain Specimen with Cerebral Haemorrhaging at the Museum of Human Diseases



Psychology lecture at UNSW

Sport News

Basketball

Box Hill SSC would like to acknowledge the success of the following 2014 graduate basket ballers, who were highly successful in gaining scholarships to a range of Colleges in the USA and being selected to play in the NBA.

Ben Simmons Louisiana State University Division one then NBA.

Michael Wearne - Eastern Washington Division one.

Damian Prgomet - Southwest Baptist College Division two, Saint Louis Missouri.

Charlotte Brancatisano - Flagler College Division two, Florida.

Elliott McParland- Diablo Valley Junior College, California.

Bryson Norris - Hartford Junior College, Maryland.

Kayla Bretherton - Midland Junior College, Texas.

Hannah Taulien Mineralarea - Junior College, Missouri.

Harris Kondzic - Prep High School, USA.

All of the above students went on the 2014 USA trip. While six of the nine started basketball at Box Hill in year nine.

2015 teams news

The coming month is going to be a busy time with vital games in late July for Box Hill basketball, and the next Contact will contain all the details of these contests.

BHSSC is still reeling from the hard fought, but devastating losses in the Premier League Finals and the teams are all training hard for the upcoming VCC finals as well as McDonalds Cup and SSV intermediate district.

Football

Senior Girls football



The Senior Girls recently played in the Eastern zone semi-finals. They had to play three games in a round robin. Plagued by a few late withdrawals because of sickness the girls were challenged in their first game against Norwood SC. They found it hard to team together as they had done in the earlier district wins.

It came down to a close game with BHSSC 3.1.19 defeated by NSC 4.4.28.

Game 2 saw a transformation and the girls got back to the style of play that kicked goals and defended well.

BHSSC 9.7.61 defeated Balwyn HS 0.0.0.

Game 3 saw another domination by the girls **defeating Brentwood SC 6.7.43 to BSC 0.0.0**

Coach Cam was thrilled with the efforts of all the girls and thanked those girls who have participated in the team over the past three years.

All the girls played well and there were great contributions from Jess Elliott (MVP!), Rachel Limburg, Bri Dalglish, Sarah Farmer and Ash Baldwin.

Well done girls!

Year 10 boys football

The boys played in the Eastern zone semi-finals round robin. Originally they were to play three games but our first was cancelled when the opposition team failed to show. (Must have heard about us!?)



Game 2 v Camberwell HS saw the boys switch on very quickly. Kicking against a very strong win Camberwell struggled to get it into their forward 50. For the game the opposition failed to score. A highlight was three goals from Nick Walkden. **BHSSC 6.12.48 defeated CHS 0.0.0.**

Game 3 was even better. The way the boys used the ball was exceptional given the windy conditions. **BHSSC 8.8.56 defeated Brentwood SC 1.1.7**

All players played well. Best contributors included Rory Kinsella, Ezi Alexio, Bailey Stevens, Isaac Sillic and the Big "W"s, Nick and Josh.

Next game will be the Eastern zone grand final on Tuesday 28th July versus Lilydale HS.

Good luck!

Wellbeing Section

LOCAL INITIATIVES

Dig Deep

Melbourne's premiere hip hop program for rappers, singers and producers aged 14-24. A free program on Tuesdays at 5pm. Register at www.digdeep.com.au

Eastern Diversity Group

EDG is a social support group for young people aged 15-25 who identify as sexually diverse and/or gender diverse. We always welcome new members so feel free to contact Beck on 9890 2673 or alternatively via email rgranata@fan.org.au.

Circus Time..... The Crew

The Crew is a group of young people who get together to strengthen social and community links. A perfect means for this is circus. Circus offers opportunities to participate at different levels, with many different activities to choose from, ranging from juggling, stilt walking, hula hooping to trapeze! The program will include equipment making, a family and friends session and the chance to participate in the end of term cabaret. It will be a fun, safe environment to explore new friendships and learn the art of circus performance!

Session times: There will be 8 sessions run on Wednesdays from 1-3 pm, with the exception of 12/08 which will be from 3 - 4.30.

The group starts on Wednesday July 29th and concludes on Wednesday 25th September with a cabaret performance for those that are interested.

If you're interested in finding out more or booking a place, please contact Julie Ritchie at EACH Youth and Family on 8878 3800, 0427 862 865 or jritchie@each.com.au

Who: Young People aged 15-25

Where: Alternating between EACH, 10 Silver Grove Nunawading, and Ruccis Circus school, Kilsyth Sports Center, 123 Liverpool Rd, Kilsyth (We can help with transport to Ruccis if needed)

When: Wednesdays, 29th July to 16 September from 1- 3 pm.

Girls with Positive Attitude – Term 3

Girls with Positive Attitude is a program for young women aged 13 – 16yrs. It's an opportunity for young women to connect with and learn from others. The program encourages young women to be confident to cope with life's challenges, to stand up for what they believe and achieve their goals. The program runs for five days over six weeks and is for young women who are experiencing difficulties dealing with their emotions, struggling with significant relationships and allows the young women to explore who they are and who they want to be. There are a variety of topics covered such as: communication, feelings and emotions, self-esteem, confidence, assertiveness, strategies for getting past anger, relationship building, cyber safety and Diversity.

When: Thursdays during Term 3, 2015 (July 23rd, 30th, August 6th, 13th & 27th)

Where: St Pauls, next to McDonalds Boronia, 273 Dorset Road

Time: 9:30am to 2:30pm.

Cost: Free

Contact: Lauren Thorsen from Connections on 9724-2222 , Rachel Hamilton from Connections on 9875 4222 or Michelle Pascoe from Knox City Council Youth Services on 9298-8550.